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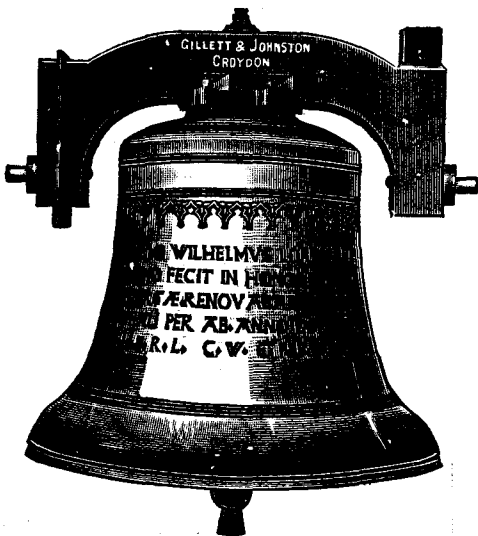
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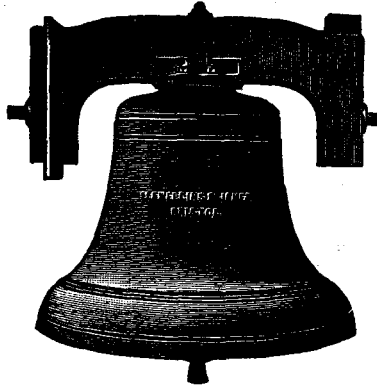
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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT DUDLEY.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday, March 6th. The weather being favourable, a large number of members availed themselves of the pleasure of being present, but the pleasure of the meeting was marred through illness near the church. A letter was sent to the Ringing-Master (Mr. S. Spittle), asking him to limit the ringing as far as possible before and after the service. Although disappointed of a long ring on the beautiful peal of ten bells, the members readily refrained from ringing after service.

At 5 o'clock the President of the Guild (Rev. Dr. A. Gray Maitland, L.L.D., Vicar of Dudley, conducted the service in church, and the Rev. Charles M. Stuart King (curate), delivered an eloquent and instructive address on the Parable of the Talents, which was attentively listened to by upwards of eighty members hailing from Bilston, Bradley, Blakenhall, Brierley Hill, Clent, Coseley, Dudley, Halesowen, Lichfield, Netherton, Oldbury, Old Hill, Sedgley, Tipton, Tettenhall, Wednesbury, Wolverhampton, Willenhall, Walsall, and West Bromwich. Mr. Flavell (deputy-organist), presided at the organ.

At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in waiting, and which had been prepared during the afternoon by the wives of the local band and other lady friends, the tables being presided over by Mrs. A. Gray Maitland, Mrs. Councillor Wilkes, Miss Ruby Maitland, and Miss Bridgewater, and other lady friends who were ready to look after the wants and comfort of the visitors.

At the business meeting which followed, the President (in the chair) gave the members a hearty welcome to Dudley, and said he was pleased to be with them again, and feelingly referred to the illness near the church.

The Secretary announced letters of apology from Messrs. H. Knight (Wolverhampton), B. Gough (Coseley), T. Cooper (Netherton), H. Pagett (West Bromwich), G. H. Pagett (Stourbridge), and J. W. Jones (Newport, Mon.) After the minutes had been read and passed the President, Vice-Presidents, and all the officers (who had performed their various duties to the satisfaction of the members) were re-elected, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Colclough, of Bilston, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them for past services. Also to Mr. Vice-President Harry Mason (Old Hill) for kindly promising to provide a new supply of service books used in Church at the meetings of the Guild. Bilston was the place selected to hold the next quarterly meeting, on condition that the Secretary obtained permission of the Vicar. Mr. John Smith (Tipton), one of the auditors, read the balance sheet, which showed that the Guild had prospered financially and numerically during the year.

On the proposition of Mr. Spittle (Master) a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the President for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting; to the Rev. C. Stuart King for his beautiful address; to the organist;

to the ladies, the donors of the tea; and to all who had in any way assisted in making the meeting both a happy and pleasant one, concluded the business.

BRAY CHURCH BELLS.

A meeting of the Committee was held on the 3rd inst., the Rev. C. A. Raymond, Vicar of Bray, being in the chair. It was reported that the whole of the work in connection with the restoration of the bells and belfry had been most satisfactorily carried out, and that they had given universal satisfaction to all who had inspected the work and heard the bells rung. The total cost of the work had amounted to £397 12s. 9d., against which a sum of £296 had already been collected and further promises amounting to £18 had been received. A special vote of thanks was passed to Mr. West Neve for his kindness in preparing the specifications and superintending the work.

These bells were recently restored by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

COSELEY (Staffordshire).—On Thursday, March 4th, with the bells half-muffled for the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, an attempt was made to ring Thnrstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples, but after ringing nearly 2 hrs. it ultimately came to grief through a change course. The band was: James George, John Jagger, William Rock Small, Albert Little, Daniel Jones, Abraham Greenfield, William Fisher (conductor), Benjamin Fullwood. On Sunday, March 7th, for Matins, a touch of Grand-sire Triples and Oxford Bob Triples. W. A. Jeavons, A. Baker, E. J. Bowyer (Penn), S. Pearce, W. Fisher (conductor), W. Grinsell, B. Gough, A. E. Law. For evening service 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor. W. A. Jeavons, S. Pearce, W. Grinsell, S. Baker, B. Gough, W. Fisher (conductor).

WHAT IS A LEGITIMATE METHOD?

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

ODD AND EVEN-BELL METHODS (*Continued*).

In order that the reader may compare the work in the odd and even bell variations of a Method, I give the following further examples. I should suggest that a skeleton course of each should be drawn out, and the two put side by side. The best way is not to use the foreshortened diagrams that are as a rule so convenient, but to take a piece of square ruled paper. Then draw in a line to represent the treble and bell-in-the-hunt in Caters. Next draw the horizontal lines to show the parting of the leads and the half leads, and finally trace in the path of one Working Bell in each variation. As the course is a Round Block, and all the Working Bells work alike, it does not really matter which bells you choose to start from, but I may point out that as Rounds comes as a lead-end in Caters, and a lead-beginning in Major any one bell

will not necessarily start the same way in both variations. The Fourth in Double Norwich Caters for instance is the equivalent of the second in the Major, the Sixth is the equivalent of the Fourth, the Eighth of the Sixth, and the Ninth of the Eighth. But 3-5-7 are the same in both variations.

Double Court Bob Major.

13254768

12345678

21436587

24135678

42316587

24361857

42638175

46283715

64827351

68472531

86745213

87654123

78561432

87516342

78153624

71856342

17583624

15738264

Double Court Bob Caters.

123456789

214365879

241638597

426135879

462318597

643281957

463829175

648392715

684937251

869473521

896745312

987654132

978561423

795816243

975182634

791528364

719253846

172958364

127593846

215739486

Following custom I have called this Method Double Court, but it will be seen that it is really not a double Method. It is however the same Method as Double Court Bob Minor, and both on eight and nine bells it is well worth ringing. The reverse variation which has Sixths and Fifths in the Major, and Sevenths and Fifths in the Caters, is also a good Method, and another also worth practising may be had by adding the Extreme at the lead-end to this latter.

Edmonton Bob Major.

12436587

12345678

21436587

24163857

42618375

46281357

64823175

46283715

64827351

68472531

86745213

68475123

86741532

87614523

78165432

71856342

17583624

17856342

Edmonton Bob Caters.

123456789

213547698

231456789

324165879

342618597

436281579

463825197

648352917

463859271

648395721

684937512

869473152

684971325

869417235

896142753

981624735

918267453

192876543

129785634

219876543

St. Clement's Bob Major.

12436587

12345678

21436587

24163857

42518375

24681735

42867153

24876513

42785631

24758361

42573816

24537186

42351768

24315678

42136587

41263857

14628375

14263857

St. Clement's Bob Caters.

123456789

213547698

231456789

324165879

342618597

436281957

346829175

438692715

348967251

439876521

349785612

437958162

347591826

435719286

345172968

431527698

413256789

142365879

124638597

214365879

Southgate Double Bob Royal.

1243658709

1234567890

2143658709

2416385079

4261830597

4628135079

6482310597

4628301957

6482039175

6840293715

8604927351

6840293751

8604927315

8069472135

0896741253

8069714523

0896175432

0981674523

9018765432

9107856342

1970583624

1907856342

Southgate Double Bob Cinques.

1234567890E

2135476980E

2314567890E

3241658709E

3426185079E

4362815709E

4638251079E

64835201E79

4638502E197

648305E2917

68403E59271

8604E395721

68403E59712

8604E395172

806E4931527

08E69413257

806E9142375

08E61924735

0E816297453

E0182694735

E1028967453

1E2.9876543

12E90785634

21E09876543

The two Methods I have called "Edmonton" and "Southgate" are the nearest you can get to a Method with a plain hunting treble in which the working bells do a continuous Treble Bob Hunt, and as the Coursing Order of the bells is not broken throughout the course, they are bound to be good musical Methods.

I have now shown, I think, conclusively, that Plain Bob and Grandsire are the same Method, not only by direct proofs but also by explaining the general law which governs all odd and even-bell variations. Plain Bob and Grandsire bear exactly the same relation to each other

that Oxford Bob Minor and Oxford Bob Triples do, or Double Norwich Major and Caters. But there is one further argument that I must notice. People sometimes say that Grandsire Triples cannot be the seven-bell variation of Bob Minor, because Bob Triples is. And Bob Major cannot be the same Method as Grandsire Triples because Grandsire Triples on eight bells becomes Grandsire Major. Before I explain what Bob Triples and Grandsire Major are I must say something about two of the great rules of Method Construction, the Law of Continual Movement, and the Law of the Proper Succession of the Nature of the Rows.

NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS.

A meeting of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association was held at the parish church, Norton-in-the-Moors, on Saturday last, when about forty members attended from the following towers which are affiliated to the Association: Crewe, Uttoxeter, Hanley, Stoke, Wolstanton, Fenton, Burslem, Biddulph, and Brown Edge. The belfry was open for ringing at 3.0 p.m., when various methods were indulged in, after which an adjournment was made to the schoolroom, where an excellent tea was in readiness.

The Rector (Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne), welcomed the Association to Norton, for, he said, he believed it was doing a very good work amongst the different in the Archdeaconry, and he was delighted to see such a large gathering. It spoke of the enthusiasm of the ringers for their art, when they turned up in such large numbers, despite the wretched climatic conditions prevailing. He also wished to thank them for the grant of £5 towards the rehanging of Norton bells, which he could assure them was greatly appreciated by all, both clergy and laity.

Mr. S. Churton (Stoke), proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens and ringers of Norton for entertaining them so royally, and mentioned specially Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Turner, Mrs. Wheatley, Miss M. Turner, Miss Walker, and Miss H. Holdcroft, for working so indefatigably.

Mr. J. Johnson presented a statement of accounts, which was very satisfactory.

The ringing on handbells of "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations, by Messrs. Allman and Fitchford, of Wolstanton, was greatly appreciated. The belfry was afterwards visited again, and the bells kept going until 9 p.m., when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

THE BELLS OF BARNSTAPLE.

The following facts re Barnstaple bells were contained in a paper read by Mr. Sydney Harper before the Students Association at a meeting held in the Barnstaple Guildhall, presided over by the Mayor (Mr. F. Jewell).

For the bells themselves are the best of preachers,
 Their brazen lips are learned teachers,
 From their pulpits of stone in the upper air,
 Sounding aloft, without crack or flaw,
 Shriller than trumpets under the law,
 Now a sermon and now a prayer,
 The clangorous hammer is the tongue,
 This way, that way, beaten and swung,
 That from mouth of brass as from mouth of Gold,
 May be taught the Testaments, New and Old.

Bells and their ringers, like choirs and their singers, have, as all others of God's best gifts to man, been much

abused in the past, but the conditions of the belfry and the conduct of ringers and singers will compare favourably with what it was forty or fifty years ago. Where the more accessible portions of the fabric of our churches were given over to dirt and neglect, and slovenliness was the chief feature of all ordinary forms of worship, it was hardly surprising that the ringing lofts and towers were sadly neglected, and frequently given over to more secular uses. The low standard of the discipline of the belfry, it is said, drove John Bunyan from the mother Church he being an enthusiastic ringer at Elstow. We know that conviviality reigned among ringers and singers by the frequent entries in parish accounts of money spent on beer for them. One of the bells at Walsgrave, in Warwickshire, dated 1702, has the inscription:

"Hark! do you hear
 Our clappers want beer?"

A set of rules for the use of ringers painted up in one of the belfries in Shropshire, again illustrates this fact:

If that to ring you do come here,
 You must ring well with hand and ear;
 Keep stroke of time and go not out,
 Or else you forfeit out of doubt.

Our law is so concluded here,
 For every fault a jug of beer;
 If that you ring with spur or hat,
 A jug of beer must pay for that.

If in this place you swear or curse,
 Sixpence to pull out your purse;
 Come pay the clerk, it is his fee,
 For one that swears shall not go free.

These laws are old, and are not new,
 Therefore the clerk must have his due.

These were days when ringers and singers were the real bogies of the clergy and churchwardens—days we hope never to return, instead of which in many parishes it is from the ringers and singers the clergyman now draws his most earnest workers and loyal supporters. This change for the better has been brought about by the work of such societies as the Devonshire Guild of Ringers and the Devon Choral Union, whose objects were to cultivate and stimulate the respective arts of ringing and singing. These societies have been recently keeping their jubilee festivals. The last choral festival held in Barnstable Church was in every way a record one—"a beautiful and devotional service,"—proving the value of such societies, two of the singers who took part in the first festival being present on the occasion of the 50th anniversary.

The Devonshire Guild of Ringers had recently kept its jubilee at Lifton, where the first peal of 5000 changes was rung by Devonshire men in 1865. The Guild has now 36 bands of ringers, with a membership of 445, who during the past year rang no less than 17 peals of 5000 changes. There, again, three of the original ringers took part in the jubilee festival. On three bells can be rung six changes.

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5	120
6	720
7	5040
8	40320

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(To be continued).

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1915.

The Provinces.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, March 11, 1915, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

James George Treble	Alfred Rowley 5
John Jagger 2	Abraham Greenfield 6
Benjamin Gough 3	William Fisher 7
Albert Little 4	Benjamin Fullwood Tenor

Conducted by William Fisher.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, of Wombourne, one of the founders of the above Society, and for many years one of the Society's representatives on the Central Council; also for Mr. William Rogers, another Wombourne ringer, who rang the 2nd in the muffled peal for Mr. Cartwright on the 2nd inst. (published in last issue), and died very suddenly on the 8th inst. It has been nearly eight years since Mr. Jagger rang a peal, and it was his desire to shew his sympathy to Mr. Cartwright, that he should take part in a peal to his memory.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE DUDLEY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 13, 1915, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

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A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5045 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qrs. 18 lb.

Herbert Knight Treble	Walter E. Brittain 6
Frank W. Perrens 2	George Hughes 7
Christopher Wallater 3	Benjamin Gough 8
Thomas Bloore 4	William A. Cooper 9
John Barber 5	Thomas Hughes Tenor

Composed by J. W. Parker, and Conducted by George Hughes.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Rowland Cartwright and Mr. William Rogers, both of Wombourne, both of the above Society, and much respected by the members. Mr. Rogers was laid to rest by the side of Mr. Cartwright this Saturday afternoon in Wombourne parish churchyard. It is the first peal of Erin on the bells, and is the first peal of Erin Caters by all the band, and for the above Society and Guild.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

On Saturday, November 29th, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES

(First peal on the bells after restoration)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS AND
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday December 13th, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes

PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5058 CHANGES

Rung to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the establishment of the firm of John Warner and Sons

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 10th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, January 31st, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES

(First peal of Bob Maximus by the Kent County Association.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES

In commemoration of the 130th anniversary of the record length of Royal rung on these bells, March 27th, 1784.
(First peal of Royal since the restoration of the bells.)

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, June 1st, 1914, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD

On Saturday, July 11th, 1914 in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes.

PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

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G. E. MAY, *Secretary.*

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W. J. LANCASTER, } *Directors.*
F. S. HOOLING, }

We report that with the assistance of the Chartered Accountants, as stated below, we have examined the foregoing accounts, and have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion such accounts are correct, and the foregoing Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company. No part of any fund has been applied directly or indirectly for any purpose other than the class of business to which it is applicable

PHILIP SECRETAN, } *Auditors.*
W. H. NICHOLLS, }

We have examined the Cash transactions (receipts and payments) affecting the accounts of the Assets and Investments for the year ended December 31st, 1914, and we find the same in good order and properly vouched. We have also examined the Deeds and Securities, Certificates, &c., representing the Assets and Investments set out in the above account, and we certify that they were in possession and safe custody as on December 31st, 1914.

DELOITTE, PLENDER, GRIFFITHS & Co., *Chartered Accountants.*

16th February, 1915.

RINGER'S SUPPER AT MORTLAKE.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING.

The annual supper of the ringers of Mortlake and neighbouring parishes was held at the "Old George," Mortlake, Councillor H. Langdon presiding over a company numbering forty. He was supported by Messrs. R. T. Hughes, T. J. Bailey, Millidge, J. Reynolds, etc. Among the company were Messrs. H. T. Williams, R. J. Williams, F. A. Williams, R. A. Williams, J. Bushel, E. Sweet, W. Harris, Tapley, C. W. Turner, Oxley, S. Osborne, and T. Wood, of Richmond; Messrs. T. Beadle and A. Beckensale, of Isleworth; Messrs. C. Hunt, H. Cook, H. Barrett, J. Willmott, F. Skinner and Jacobs, of Barnes; and Messrs. F. Lenan, W. Dixon, C. Tubbs, P. Blackburn, E. Cox and H. Barrett, of Mortlake, and others. The toast of "The King" was proposed in appropriate terms by the Chairman and was enthusiastically accorded musical honours.

The Chairman, in proposing "Success to the Bell-ringers," said they might wonder why he was in that position. While he was very pleased to be there, he was very sorry that his old friend, Mr. Newman, was not able to occupy the chair as usual, owing to illness, and they were, he was sure, sorry to hear that Mr. T. Bullen was also ill, and could not be there. He (Mr. Bullen) was one of the most valuable parishioners, especially among those engaged in bellringing. That was the reason he (the Chairman) was there. He was always pleased to take the chair and help in any way he could, especially if the gatherings were connected with working men. He knew there were some who said they ought not to have dinners at such a time, but they had to keep trade going. There had been a great point made of not being downhearted, and while they gave contributions to various funds they should at the same time keep the trade of the country going. If they did not do that the country would be in a worse predicament than it was, and they all ought to do their level best. They grumbled about the price of food and the price of coal, but it was his firm conviction that, whatever price they had to pay, they should not forget that the suffering would be ten times worse if the Germans got here. In conclusion, he said it had always given him pleasure to hear the bells ringing, provided they did not have too much of them, and that he was pleased to come and support the ringers.

Mr. Williams, in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," expressed the pleasure to have Councillor Langdon in the chair, but was sure they all regretted the illness of their friend, Mr. Newman, and also that of Mr. T. Bullen. He regretted that the belfries in the neighbourhood were not

better represented, for this year they were not so well represented as they had been in the past. If there was any reason for that, he hoped they would do their best to find it out, and that as a result in future there would be a better representation of other belfries in the neighbourhood. He thanked the visitors for their support, and hoped that would not be the last occasion they would attend their little social gathering.

Mr. J. Reynolds, responding on behalf of the visitors, expressed their pleasure to come and support such gatherings. He would have liked to see more ringers there from other parts, and hoped that next year they would see many more. Although not a ringer himself, he was very interested in ringing, for it reminded him of old times to hear the bells, and if at any time they invited him as a visitor to one of their gatherings, if it was ten or twenty miles away, he should only be too pleased to go.

Later the toasts of "The Chairman" and "The Host and Hostess" were cordially honoured.

During the evening, with Mr. T. J. Bailey at the piano, an attractive musical programme was gone through, the contributions of the Richmond handbell ringers (Bros. Williams), and of Messrs. Bradley and Cook on the violin and concertina being particularly pleasing. Mr. Phesey was encored for his humorous songs, and Messrs. R. A. Williams, Cousens, Sylvester and others also contributed songs, an enjoyable evening being brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

Merry peals were rung from the belfry of the Church of the Holy Cross, Crediton, on Sunday, in commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the Relief of Ladysmith.

New bellringing arrangements have been made at St. Saviour's Church, South Hampstead. For the principal services on Sundays and Holy Days, the bell will be rung as hitherto for a few minutes half-an-hour beforehand, but the second bell, which will not ring for more than five minutes, will cease five minutes before the time of the service. For other services and on week-days, the bell will ring a few strokes a quarter of an hour before the service, and the second bell will stop five minutes before the time of the service.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

St. Mary's Guild, Acton.

ACTON.—For morning service at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. A. E. Smith, H. Holloway, H. Noakes, R. H. Boddington, J. W. Fruin, Robt. Holloway (conductor), V. Holloway, C. Edwards.

NEWPORT (Isle of Wight).—Recently, at St. Thomas's Parish Church, for morning service, 350 and 504 Grandsire Triples. J. Simmonds, T. Scameil, W. Chambers, W. Scott, A. Callaway, Cor. C. Blake (Royal Warwick), W. Upston (conductor), J. Leal.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Wednesday, March 10th, at the Parish Church, 560 Grandsire Triples. W. W. Watts, G. Gray, T. J. Watts, R. Law, J. Luckey, W. Watts (conductor), F. Potter, H. W. Watts. On Sunday, March 14th, for morning service, 448 Grandsire Triples, standing as above.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, March 14th, at the church of St. Peter-at-Arches, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung for Divine Service in 46 mins. G. Chester, C. Wells, J. T. Wells, G. Flintham, E. Vickers, I. Vickers, T. Pyle (conductor), J. W. Musson. First quarter-peal in the method by Messrs. J. T. Wells and E. Vickers.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, March 7th, for Divine Service at Bishop Ryder's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins. S. Coley, W. Stratford, J. T. Perry (conductor), A. T. Scrivens, G. A. Taylor, W. H. Carrod, J. B. Collett, S. Price.

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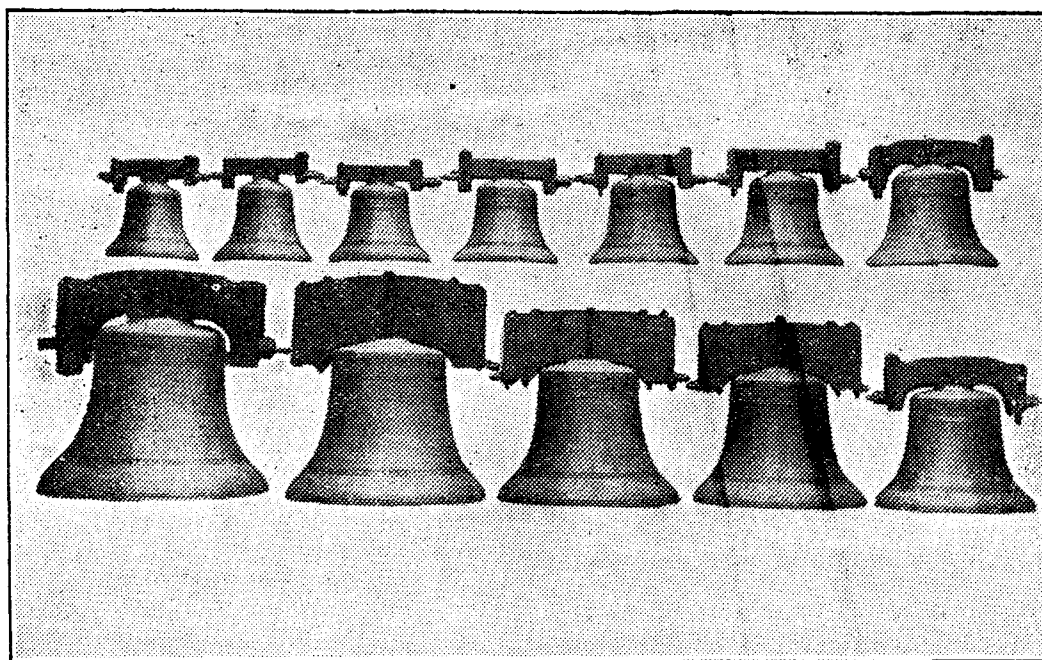
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The Ancient Society of College Youths.—Established 1637.—Meetings will be held at the Coffee Pot, Warwick Lane, E.C., for business, on March 30th, and for handbell practice on the 25th, all at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays, at 7.30.

William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

The Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Ringing for Divine Service at St. Martin-in-the-Fields the first Sunday in the month, and at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, the third Sunday, both at 10 o'clock. Meetings for practice at Shoreditch every third Monday at 8 p.m.

H. J. Bradley, Sec.

Parish Church, Shoreditch.

The London County Association (late the St. James' Society).—Established 1824.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, March 20th. The bells will be available from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held at the King's Head at 8.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.

L. B. Porter, Hon. Sec.

1, Canonbury Mansions, Canonbury.

The Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. G. H. Siddans), on Saturday, March 27th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock. 6d. each. Will all those requiring same kindly inform me by the 24th inst., so that arrangements may be made. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1915 are now due.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow. C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Inter-Affiliation.—Will the Secretaries of those Associations and Guilds in favour of Inter-Affiliation kindly communicate with me, as the Committee of this Association wish with their co-operation, to put this into operation, if possible.

J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec.

Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

The Essex Association.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea. 6d. each, followed by business meeting at The Bull inn at 5 o'clock. 1915 subscriptions are now due.

H. Rumens, Hon. Dis. Sec.

32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

Kent County Association.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cobham, on Saturday March 27th. Tower open from 3.30 till 9. Half rail fares will be paid. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid on or before that date. Members on active service need not subscribe this year.

77, Bill Street Road, Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. Sec.

Frindsbury, Rochester.

The Essex Association.—North-Eastern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Maldon on Saturday, March 20th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea, 9d. each, followed by business meeting at the Warwick Arms, 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the Vicarage, Great Totham. Subscriptions for 1915 are now due.

The Street, Rayne.

B. Redgwell, Dis. Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, March 20th. (Cars No. S.40 and S.50).

W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30.

135 Salts Street, Shaw.

Joseph Ogden, Sec.

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, March 27th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.

J. Watson, Branch Sec.

33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

The Midland Counties Association.—The thirty-third annual meeting will be held at Derby, on Easter Monday, April 5th. The bells at St. Alkmund's, St. Andrew's, St. Luke's and St. Peter's will be available from 10.30 a.m., and All Saints after the general meeting. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea (1s. 3d. each) at 4.30 followed by general meeting at Ramsden's Cafe, Corn Market. Tea will only be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Lord, 36, Howard Street, Derby, by Thursday, April 1st, of their intention to be present.

W. E. White, Hon. Sec.

The Hertford County Association.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, April 5th, when the towers of the Cathedral, St. Peter's, St. Stephen's, and St. Michael's will be open for ringing at 2 p.m. Choral Evensong at Cathedral, 5 p.m., with address by the new Dean of St. Albans, 5.50, tea in Abbey Institute, followed by annual business meeting. To assist catering arrangements kindly send me a post card on April 3rd, stating your intention to be present.

St. Albans.

G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

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To-day we publish the annual balance sheet of this Company, and as will be seen the year has shewn marked progress, in spite of the fact that business during the concluding five months was disturbed by the war.

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The total income of the company was £17,196,088 (being an increase of £628,479 over that of the previous year). The most noteworthy item in this increase is that of the industrial weekly and monthly premiums received, which amounted £301,746 more than in the year 1913.

Of the total income no less than £13,211,827 came from premiums. For the first time the premiums received in the Ordinary branch exceeded £5,000,000, and the premiums in the Industrial branch exceeded £8,000,000. In the Ordinary branch 65,751 new policies were issued, producing a new premium income of £424,353, and assuring £6,318,843. Of this one-sixth, or more than £1,000,000, was under policies assuring sums ranging from £500 to £20,000.

The total number of policies in force in the ordinary branch is 922,505 assuring, with bonus, £102,940,771.

In the industrial branch the total number of policies has turned the 20 million mark, the exact number in force being 20,085,010, assuring, exclusive of bonus, the sum of £263,739,424. The number of new policies issued during the year again exceeds 2,000,000, assuring a maximum sum of £32,291,598. A feature of the new business has been the large number of monthly premium policies which have been issued.

The claims for the year amount to £7,388,508, of which over £2,800,000 were due to maturing endowments. The claims paid exceeded those for 1913 by £482,690, but were nevertheless considerably below those expected in both branches.

The total assets of the Company, as shown in the balance-sheet, are £91,202,344, being an increase of £4,209,341 during the year.

To sum up the remarkable results of the past year, the income of the Company in the combined branches has increased by the large sum of £628,000 and the assets of the Company £4,209,341. The reserves, in consequence of the war, have been increased by £1,200,000, but this has necessitated a reduction of £500,000 in the amount of bonus divided amongst the policy holders, the outdoor staff, and to shareholders,

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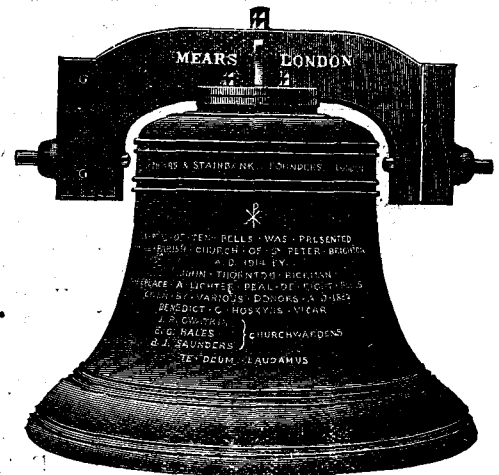
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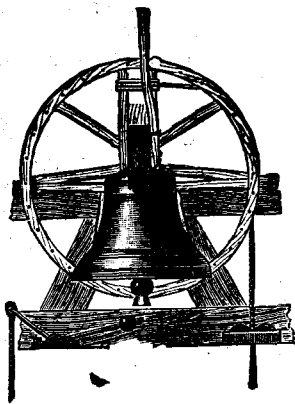
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